

1. We have a full Board of Directors, **Chair**, Peggy Denby, **Vice Chair**, Denise Bush, **Secretary**, Don Jones, **Treasurer**, Robbbyrda Preston, **Director**, Judy Brochu-Blake, **Director**, Mark Otis, **Director**, Anna Boeschenstein. First Board Meeting was held on November 12 (pic on FB and Board Listed on website) and now have a checking account!

2. Successful "Trunk or Treat" event for Halloween in church parking lot - pix on FaceBook
 - 25 + children
 - good decorations and costumes, some actually scary

3. Handmade map used for Architecture School (A-School) tour and Albemarle Housing Improvement Program (AHIP) tour is attached.
 - map became our worksheet for AHIP Tour and was most helpful to the AHIP Staff. Suggestion was made to add the old RR Tracks path to the map and location of former Depot. New pic of Depot was shown (pic Gallery on website)
 - uncertain what role A-School will play in our future (see letter attached)

4. AHIP Tour was successful, will hopefully get a Planning Grant for one year, giving us time to organize which houses qualify for renovation and talk to the owners/residents. Junk cleanup will be part of this effort. (Pic on FB)
 - AHIP liked Esmont's "Village" layout.
 - That we have a non-profit organization with Board of Directors in support of their Planning Grant Application.
 - Esmont is the only application they will make this round.

5. Board and Rails to Trails Committee working on application for Planning Grant for the Esmont Trail. UVA will provide student volunteers to help clear the trail.
 - We have until the end of January to get the application in, so lots of work to be done in preparation for that submission.
 - Suggestion made at the meeting to contact the C&O Historical Society to see if they have a map of the path we want to use as our trail.

Also suggested that we use the name "Nelson&Albemarle" when we decide on a name for our trail. For example: Esmont Nelson&Albemarle Trail

6. Waiting for UVA History Department to say if they will research and write an Esmont History. Initial response was positive. Comment was made at meeting regarding the "Yancey Family Papers" as a good source of information for whomever writes the history.

7. Board needs operating funds for insurances, accounting software, supplies, etc. Donation buttons are on website and FB giving specific information for where to send checks, etc. Please donate and send out emails asking friends/family for donations, which are tax deductible. Tax deduction receipts will be sent upon receipt of checks.

Another suggestion for fundraising is a Summer Movie Series showing movies on the side of a barn, many of which will have been filmed in the area, such as "Virginia," "Giant," and others.

There will be no Friends of Esmont meeting in December

Attachments

Map

A-School letter